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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 March 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Remarks

1. The applicant had an interview with another examiner regarding the case. The examiner informed the applicant that the allowable subject matter is the supplying of power between the satellite units and master unit, subject to an updated search.
2. The current examiner has performed an updated search and has determined that most of the claims include allowable subject matter but there are some 112 issues that have to be addressed.
3. Claim 20 was indicated allowable in the previous office action but the current examiner has determined that there are some 112 issues with claim. Therefore, a 112 rejection is set forth in this action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.
5. Claims 1-37 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had

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possession of the claimed invention. Claim 1 and dependent claims 2-19 recite "wherein said master unit is arranged to supply operating power to the satellite units". Claim 20 and dependent claims 21-28 recite "first and second master signals are supplied from the master unit to the receiving unit via first and second connectors and wherein the receiving unit, via at least one of said first and second connectors supply operating power to at least the master unit". Claim 26 recites "wherein said master signal output connector comprises first and second connectors, wherein said first connector is arranged to provide a first signal channel to the receiving unit and to receive operating power for at least the master unit, and wherein said second connector is arranged to provide a second signal channel to the receiving unit and to receive operating power for the satellite units". Claim 29 and dependent claims 30-36 recite "providing said master signal to said receiving unit, wherein each separately housed satellite unit is positionable away from the receiving unit and is arranged to receive operating power from the master unit". Claim 37 recites "wherein said master unit is arranged to supply operating power to the microphones".

The specification discloses, on page 7, lines 22-28 , that "In the system according to the invention, the master signal may supplied from the master unit to the mixing console via first and second connectors, while the mixing console, via at least one of said first and second connectors supply operating power to at least the master unit. This eliminates or reduces the need for external power supply to the master unit". The specification also discloses, on page 10, lines 8-14, that "An input channel 11a, 11b and 11c on a mixing console 1 may comprise not just a ground conductor and a signal

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conductor, but also a power conductor, for providing operating power, such as bias voltage or phantom power to a microphone or a microphone preamplifier. Naturally, a stereo input channel would comprise two signal conductors."

The examiner is not clear as to what is supplying power and how that power is supplied. Is the mixer console supplying power to the master unit and to the satellite units or is the mixer console? Clarity is needed.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Devona E. Faulk whose telephone number is 571-272-7515. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivian Chin can be reached on 571-272-7848. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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